

Council Ponders Its Size

Is Student Council too big? This was the main topic discussed at the meeting held November 12. Mr. Walgren pointed out that Acalanes' student council was the largest he knew of, with its attendance in the 80's. It was generally agreed that the home-rooms should keep their representatives, while clubs and classes might be excluded as the number is cut down. Pat Dickson was appointed to head a committee looking into this possibility.

Dan Wehmeier announced the next assembly performers will be the Diablo Valley College A Capella in December. Fellow Student Body officer Rene Roloff stated three new clubs, Art Club, Drama Club, and a possible German Club are being formed.

Las Lomas proposed, in a letter to the Council, that a joint clean-up campaign be established. The letter suggested that each campus be judged by a committee representing both schools. This committee would decide which is the cleaner. Two flags would be flown in a "neutral" location. The winning school's on top, and the losing one's upside down, below it. The motion was passed and Los Amigos put in charge.

The possibility of a "Color Day" discussed at the last Student Council meeting was turned over to Rally Committee. If such a day were set aside, students would wear a certain color such as blue. The possibility of establishing a "Kangaroo Court" again might be put into effect if it could be controlled.

At the last Student Council meeting the representatives were also told of a new league that had been formed out of the old Foot Hill Division. The schools included will be those already in our present division, and Alhambra. Another point brought out at the meeting was the holding of Friday home basketball games in the new Del Valle gym.

SENIORS HOST CONGRESSMAN

Anyone interested in running for Congressman?

The importance of student interest in government and good citizens in the coming generation was stressed when Mr. John Baldwin, Congressman from the sixth district and lawyer from Martinez, visited Acalanes' campus.

While he spoke to the first period American Problems class, a tape recording was made and replayed to the second and third period students.

Having recently attended the 86th Session of Congress, Mr. Baldwin discussed his duties and responsibilities as Congressman, which consisted primarily of acting on committees, handling individual projects in his own district, answering correspondence and voting on legislation. He also revealed the manner in which one becomes a Congressman and the steps involved in entering politics.

In the remaining time, the meeting was thrown open to discussion. Questions were centered around the selections for military appointments. He explained that he finds the fairest method is to base his selections on the results of the civil service examination.

Everyone Has Sumptin' To Be Thankful For — ?

Thanksgiving is near, the turkeys are on the run and now is the time for all of us to think of the things for which we are thankful.

Seniors are thankful to have made it through at least one quarter of American Problems. (Those tests are hard!)

Juniors are thankful that they have finished with one grueling period of United States History under the new regime. (Oh! Those lectures!)

Sophomores are thankful that they are no longer freshmen. They are content to be upper lower classmen. (For one year anyway.)

Last but not least are the freshmen. I'm sure they are just thankful to have finally reached the second plateau — high school.

All students can be thankful that they are not worn out faculty members. (You may have found the answers hard, but they had to think up the questions!)

So while eating that grand and glorious meal we all have at least one thing for which we are thankful — we are not turkeys.

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Senior Play, "Meet Me in St. Louis" Premieres Tonight

Cast Set For Show

Everybody would like to see a world's fair. When one is to be held in your own city you certainly wouldn't want to move to some far-away, alien, unfriendly city, (like New York), before the fair opens. The events of this year's Senior play, "Meet Me in St. Louis," are closely related to the opening of the 1904 World's Fair.



Anxious to be at the opening of the fair are: **Bonnie Gallagher** as Rose, **Carol Ansley** as Esther, **Kathy Desch** as Agnes, and **Esther Kley** as Tootie. However **Ed Alexander** as the girls' father, Mr. Smith, is planning to move to New York. The girls look to their mothers, **Pat Dickson**, and their grandfather, **Jim Mossman**, for help.

Complications ensue when **Bill Pinkus**, as brother Lon, has girl trouble in the form of **Linda Warner**, as Lucille, and **Rene Roloff** as Ida. In addition Rose and Esther have problems with their dates **Al Arfsten** as John, and **Tom Sly** as Fred.

As if that weren't enough, Agnes and Tootie manage to infuriate neighbor Mrs. Waghoup, played by **Ellen Benson**.

Fred Gandel plays Mr. Dodge, Mr. Smith's boss, and **Dave Schwartz** portrays Mr. Dodge's shadow, Mr. Duffy. Katie, the Smiths' cook, is played by **Merrie Ann Wilkinson**. Old hand at senior plays — as a freshman he played Arne in "I Remember Mama" — is **Tom Glimme**, the street car conductor.

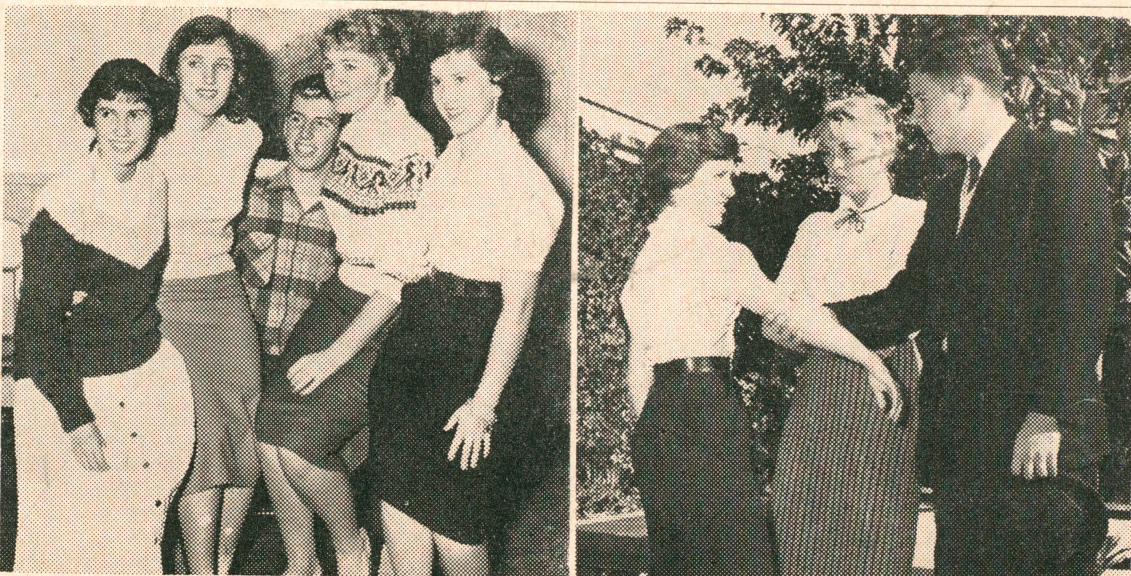
Head man is **Mr. Bert Trulsson**, assisted by "veteran" **Tom Glimme**. **Ed Linotti** is in charge of props, **Linda Anderson** is handling publicity. **Diane Fullerton** will be standing by as prompter.

The two performances will be staged Friday, November 20, and Saturday, November 21. Curtain time is 8:15 p. m. To get your tickets look for the girls with the signs on their backs or go to room 107. Tickets are 75c for students and \$1.00 for adults.

Scholarship Time Here

So you're searching for a scholarship to nab. Do you feel it is difficult to find the application deadline date? If so, the best way to keep up to date on the deadlines is to stay in close contact with your counselor. If you have a certain college scholarship in mind, ask your counselor to let you know when the application is due.

You must take the December, or January, College Board if you are interested in the Cal State Scholarship and the December College Board if you are interested in the General Motors Scholarship before you can apply.



WOW! TWO GIRLS on each arm! That is the state in which Al Arfsten finds himself in the first photo, left. The girls on his left are Kathy Desch and Carol Ansley and to his right, Bonnie Gallagher and Esther Kley. No wonder he looks happy! On the right is a dramatic scene from "Meet Me in St. Louis," with Esther Kley, Pat Dickson and Ed Alexander.

Singers Warble At Club

On Monday, November 2, while their fellow students perspired and strained with their books, the A Capella spent the afternoon performing at the Walnut Creek Kiwanis Club. Their first appearance this year was acclaimed a success by the Kiwanis.

The program lasted for more than an hour, and included a wide selection of pieces. It opened with the A Capella singing a number called "Hodie," followed by a solo by **Diane Luna**, "Beautiful Savior."

"Merry Oldsmobile" was done by an octet (which is a group of eight people, for those of you not with it), followed by "Czechoslovakian Folk-song" by the same group. The golden voices in the octet belonged to **Nancy Wilkenson**, **Relda Claussenius**, **Diane Luna**, **Gay Batchelder**, **Tanny Hanscom**, **Jim Mossman**, **Fred Gandel**, and **Ray Castellino**.

Beezie Moore and his trumpet with "Willow Echoes," and the entire A Capella doing "Eliza Rock" preceded "Banua Jail" and "The Fox," by a "Kingston Trio-like" threesome: **Bob Locky**, **Jim Mossman**, and **Fred Gandel**.

The program drew to a close with the A Capella singing "Live A Humble" and the finale, "These Things Shall Be."

Six Dons Achieve Merit Scholarship Semi-Finals

How would you like to be able to correct 100 answer sheets a minute with 99.5% accuracy? Every year thousands of Merit Scholarship tests are being "mass corrected" at this rate by a "brain" machine.

Six of these tests, belonging to **Mary Clapp**, **Bruce Dodge**, **Chester Floyd**, **Russ Hartley**, **Bill Perego**, and **Roy Rocca**, were high enough to make these Acalanes students semi-finalist winners. Even now, their names, along with approximately 9500 other seniors, appear in a handbook sent to all the colleges sponsoring the program.

In our entire Acalanes High School District, our school came out with the greatest number of semi-finalists, six. Miramonte had five, and Las Lomas, two. Of the Oakland schools, not one had more than four, and in San Francisco, only one school had more, seven.

This December, these semi-finalists will take the regular College Board Exams, and all those with favorable scores will be considered as finalists. Actually, only about two per cent of the semi-finalists are eliminated by this test. Acalanes students have always been among the other ninety-eight per cent.

Don Queen Gets Gifts

Overshadowing the glory of Queen Victoria, eclipsing Miss Universe, a new title has been added to the role of queens. She is queen of the Acalanes Homecoming, crowned Friday, October 30.

There were six candidates in the contest, a freshman, sophomore, junior, and three seniors. They were **Marilyn Delamar**, **Jill Kelleher**, **Penny Place**, **Charlene Amonette**, **Robby Weyls**, and **Peggy Hanson**. The queen, **Peggy Hanson**, was announced as the winner at the pregame rally, Friday afternoon.

She was crowned at the aftergame dance. The girls were all given gifts of tickets to the senior play, and corsages. The queen received a white orchid, the others, white carnations. **Peggy**, in addition, was given a scarf from Fiesta Fashions, \$40.00 portrait from Keith Cole, and a \$3.00 record order from Campana's in Lafayette.

GIRLS' LEAGUE

Sue Edwards Wins "Mag" Sale Prize

"Selling magazines isn't easy!" exclaimed **Sue Edwards**, a member of the junior class. Our champion saleswoman for Girls' League sales worked hard going from door to door from October 15 through October 26. Runners-up who sold over \$100 worth of magazines were **Carol Lee Roberts** and **Jeanet Heiser**.

With a big surge of energy the sophomore class raced into first place with a total sales of \$1,003.52. The frosh followed close behind with \$969.39. Juniors and seniors placed third and fourth respectively.

"I would like to thank all of the girls who participated in our money making event. They really did a good job," stated **Sheri Gidley**, treasurer of Girls' League.

Sue had a choice between a movie camera, transistor radio and a clock radio, she chose the clock radio. **Carol Lee Roberts**, the junior runner-up, is eligible for a watch and **Jeanet Heiser**, the senior runner-up is eligible for a table radio.

Winners of animals will include 51 girls. Thirteen of these girls sold over \$50 worth of magazines.

After looking over the grand total of \$2,885.53, **Miss Richardson** said that she thought that the drive was a very profitable one.

Every two years members of Girls' League push these magazine sales in order to support their activities such as the Mother-Daughter tea.

Leading members who worked on the organization of the sales were **Pat Dixon**, president, and the individual class representatives.

Mr. Garvey, who is with the Crowell-Collier Publishing Company of New York, was our distributor.

HER

Is This Baby Girl
A Senior Donna?

HIM

No Teeth-But He
Is Rally President

Who would ever have guessed that this cute, blue eyed, golden haired, bouncing baby girl would ever have such an outstanding record at Acalanes. The happy little infant next to this story has been secretary of the freshman class, sophomore pompon girl, Rally member and A. F. S. president in her junior year, and is now treasurer of the senior class as well as being on rally committee. These are the merits of **Pat O'Toole**, our **HER** for this issue.

Besides taking active part in school government, Pat is a member of our illustrious dance group where she pursues her favorite pastimes, music and dancing.

If you were to ask Pat what she liked and didn't like about her school she would probably say, "I like Acalanes and the kids that go here, but I think there should be more tradition especially in the senior class. I think a color day would be a good idea." Pat also expresses a great liking for the seven period day.

Maybe you would like to know what Pat does when she finally gets that long awaited rest from school, namely summer vacation. "Every other summer my family and I go back to Indianapolis where I was born," she reveals. This pilgrimage is mainly to visit her relatives. Last summer Pat went to Malibu, a Young Life camp in Canada.

All of this just goes to show that there's no telling how you will turn out when you get older. Pat O'Toole turned out to be our **HER**!

WOULDJA EVER

... walk from the girls' gym to the lunch room with your leotard only half on and get caught by a couple of senior boys? ... girls of dance group had better be more careful!

... be chosen home-coming queen and then have to be helped onto the stage to be crowned? ... Peg, you did it up royal!

Editors

At

Large

By HENRY COUDEN

WHO IS REPRESENTING WHOM?
Are you being represented at Student Council? I began to wonder about this at the October 29 meeting. A motion was made that the question of shoes at dances be taken to homerooms. It was pointed out that many of the students disliked the new Council ruling.

By a close vote the council decided to take the issue to Homeroom. I don't think there was any question that many students opposed the "sock hop" idea. No one knows for sure if more students are in favor or against the "preserve our gym floor" argument.

IT SEEMS OBVIOUS to me that this is an issue that should be decided by you. If your representatives had your interests in mind, they shouldn't be afraid to go to the home-rooms and later vote accordingly. Either he is afraid your opinion might be different than his, or he feels he can decide without needing your consultation. Ask your representative which way he voted on the issue of taking the problem to Homeroom for your decision. Any interesting answers as to who is representing what would gladly be accepted in a letter to the editor.

YOU WILL BE VOTING SOON. When you do, remember the issues, they will effect all but two dances. We may have painted a too gloomy picture of those against dancing with shoes.

FEATURE TEACHER

Twenty Years of Chem
Won't Bore Miss Nick

Hey, What's that awful smell??
This is a typical comment when venturing near room 402 during one of Miss Nick's unforgettable chemistry experiments.

Miss Nick, short for **Miss Nicholson**, has been part of the Acalanes faculty for twenty years.

Twenty years of teaching chemistry may seem a long time, but she claims there is a great deal of variety in teaching, especially chemistry.

When asked how she came to teach chemistry, a field with few women; Miss Nick explained, "I was a pre-med. student and after I had finished four years of college, I found that I was broke. Not being able to go to medical school, I figured it would be more fun to teach than to work in a lab."

After staying at Acalanes for twenty years, of course she thinks the school is great. She claims today students are more serious about learning than they used to be.

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SCHOOL SPIRIT

MUSIC INSTRUCTORS DEVELOP BAND

Band Tootles Twenty Years

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles reflecting activities with school spirit. Another will follow in the next issue.

By LYNN McGAFFEY and PAULINE MARTINO

A thin haze has settled over the present, and the hands on the huge clock of Time spin slowly backward. Years speed by in reverse . . . 1959-57-50. Now the clouds have nearly lifted but present time has drifted into the past . . . 1949-45 . . . the year 1942!

Uneven columns of blue decked figures stand at attention, tense and waiting. Then the signal comes. A dim hum begins to swell and grow as music floats from the 38 instruments of the first Acalanes Band.

It may seem incredible that your school had a regulated music department back in the ancient days, but just ask any survivor of the 1942 band under the direction of Mr. Martin Rauhut. This was the first raw beginning which helped to shape our polished band of today.

Suppose the time reversed itself once more and slipped forward a few years to 1944 when the up-and-coming Acalanes Music Department was headed by Mr. Marin. It expanded and improved under his care until Mr. Busch, our present math teacher, did a fine job through 1952. Then the familiar face of Mr. Hansen was the first thought of any Aca-

lanes student who referred to music. Back to the present . . . how time flies! The Acalanes Band of 1959-60 is proud to present a new face . . . Mr. D'Amante, our new band leader. It is very likely that every Acalanes student has seen his smiling face peeping out at them from the glass window of the music room door. Mr. D'Amante formerly taught at Encinal High in Alameda where the band was "excellent" and took honors at the Veterans' Day Parade for three consecutive years.

He has high hopes for the Don Band of 53 members. (Quite an expansion over the 38 of 1942!) Perhaps some of you are wondering how the two Music Department big wheels, Mr. Hansen and Mr. D'Amante, are hitting it off?

Both men feel that the equal distribution of their department is making a wonderful difference, and a big improvement. And for all the groans that our seven-period day has been getting, Mr. Hansen says gratefully, "The salvation of our band has been made possible by the extra time our seven-period day allows."

Excitement and entertainment of high quality is in store for Acalanes during the following season. The band will march and play throughout football and basketball games, promoting spirit, and proudly brandishing their instruments.

Looking ahead again, Mr. D'Amante will conduct his talented group during graduation this year and come

spring, May 21, the musicians will present a Musical Festival at Miramonte.

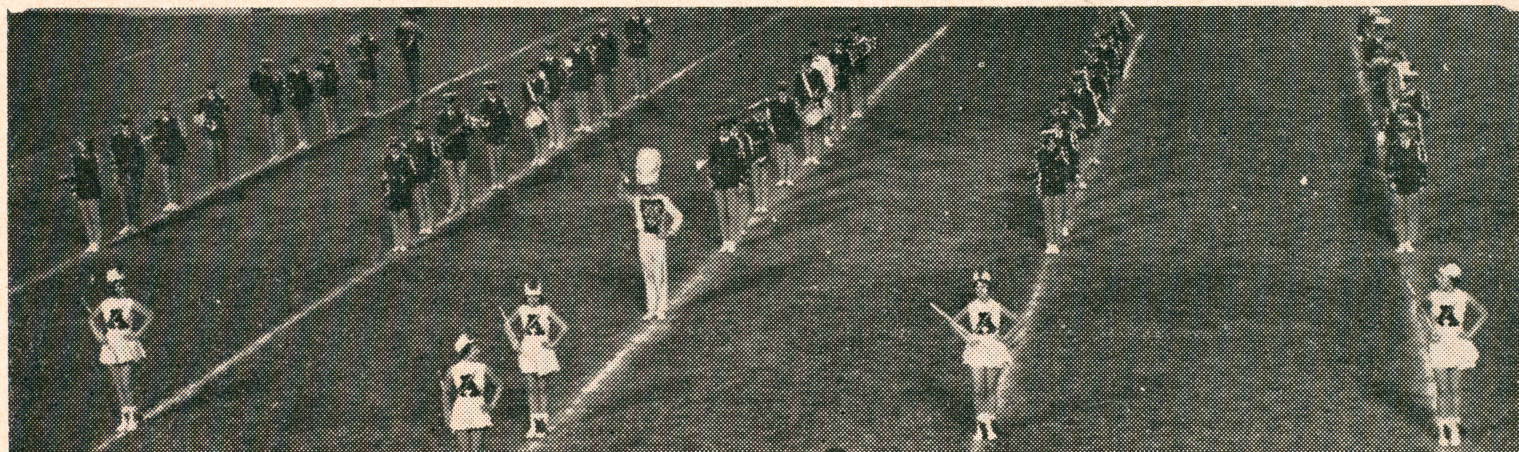
This event promises to be one of the most outstanding in the band's history at Acalanes and will be packed full of stunts, cheerful melodies and clever marching formations. Mr. D'Amante urges all students to attend the Festival, giving his guarantee that it will be well worth their while.

The 1959-60 band is headed by two officers who have specific jobs concerning the musical group. These lucky kids are Bob Sandburg, the band manager; Loren Peters, the drum major; whose job is to take charge of the band drills; Pete Montalbano, student conductor; and Betty

Theile, secretary. Other officers include Ann Lombardo, who heads the majorettes and Ed Lenotti, in charge of the band library.

Another happy note is Mr. D'Amante's attitude toward his new band, and the Acalanes Student Body, in general. He is happy to declare, "I think very highly of the students here at Acalanes and I am extremely pleased with the reception they have given our hard-working band — It's really great to hear the kids clap in appreciation of our performance."

Well, it looks like that old clock Time has about worn itself out. You'd better re-wind it a little and look forward to a year of musical entertainment as that minute hand sweeps into the future.



ATTENTION! STRIKE UP THE BAND! Acalanes Marching Band stands at rigid attention during half-time, awaiting the signal to start the music. Football spectators munch on their food, and leer at the majorettes as the Band entertains them with brisk and familiar tunes. Mr. D'Amante, at the head of his Band, supervises the half-time activities for every football game. After completing the musical entertainment, our Band marches off the field, and the game continues.

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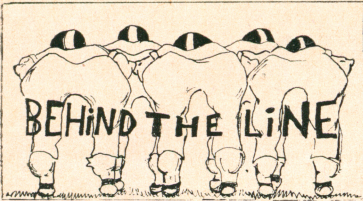
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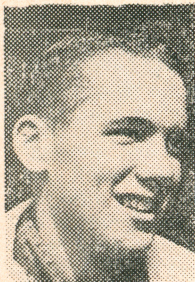
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WALNUT BOWL



King Football has left us again until next year and the football season of 1959 is past history. The Don varsity compiled a record of four wins, three losses, and a tie on the season.



This is the first time in about five years that an Acalanes team has compiled more wins than losses. The three games lost by the Dons were heart-breakers and all three were lost

by only a touchdown. The varsity really showed its stuff against Pacifica, Alhambra, and Miramonte. In these three games the Dons combined a devastating offense and a crushing defense to smother the opposition. Congratulations of Coaches Stevens and Williams and the 1959 varsity for a successful season.

Congratulations to Miramonte, who defeated San Ramon 13-0 for the school's first varsity football victory. Too bad this winning streak didn't carry on to the Acalanes game.

Attention at Acalanes will now be focused on the basketball scene, where the Dons should really shine this year. Coach Dan Glines has a good nucleus of lettermen and some outstanding B's returning to the team that was ranked third in Northern California last year. The Dons, however, have a murderous practice slate, as they face such formidable opponents as San Francisco Poly, Vallejo, El Cerrito, Stagg of Stockton and Clayton Valley. If the team comes through the practice games unscathed, they will undoubtedly rank as one of the top teams in Northern California.

Dons Stomp Gophers 26-6

Las Lomas Too Much For Dons

In an extremely dull contest, the Dons of Acalanes were upended by their arch-rivals from Las Lomas, 7-0 in a game played on the winners' field, November 6. The loss knocked the Dons out of contention for the Foothill Division Crown and left the Knights as title favorites.

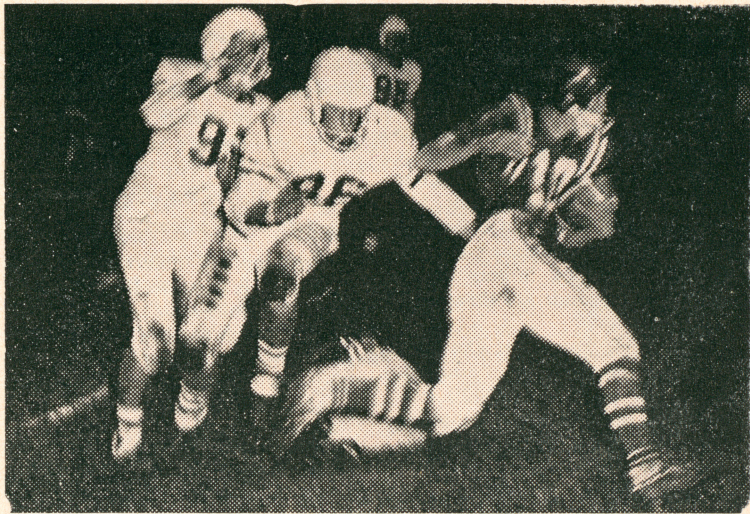
The first half was characterized by many fumbles and loose playing on both sides, as neither side could capitalize on the other's miscues. Each team started long drives, as Las Lomas drove to the Acalanes 12 yard line, but the Dons held there. Then the Dons started a sustained drive and got deep into Knight territory, only to be stopped at the Las Lomas 18 yard stripe. The half ended with the two teams deadlocked at 0-0.

Bill Jencks kicked off for the Dons to start the second half. A fired-up Las Lomas eleven began to click; the Knights marched 57 yards in 11 plays as Jim Sisler carried for the touchdown from three yards out. Bob Morris added the PAT after a penalty called the first try back, making the score 7-0 in favor of the Knights.

Taking the kickoff after the TD, Chris Rinne handed off to Tony La-Rossa, who scooted 40 yards only to be dragged down from behind on the Knight 44 yard line, but the Dons could not capitalize on this break and lost the ball on downs.

The Don cause was hampered further by the fact that QB Don Nelson was removed from the game with a broken hand.

The game ended with the Dons on the short end of a 7-0 score.



ALL THE WAY — Tom Strain (10), Acalanes quarterback is seen streaking for a touchdown as two unidentified Miramonte players are in hot pursuit. Due to our lousy photographers we cannot identify the two Gopher players. Acalanes won, 26-6.

Miramonte Gored by Acalanes

The Acalanes Dons romped over visiting Miramonte, 26-6. This game officially ended pigskin play for the Dons in 1959.

After being unable to move the ball after the opening kickoff, the Miramonte Matadors were forced to punt. The Dons, after successfully moving the ball, were forced to give way on downs deep in Miramonte territory. However, the Matadors fumbled and Doug Inman recovered on the eight yard line for the Dons. On the next play, Stu Fox skirted his own right end for the tally. The conversion try failed.

Chris Rinne intercepted a Matador pass in the second period, and rammed back 47 yards to the visitors' 24. Then Tom Strain took the ball and zig-zagged his way through the opposing players for the TD. The first half ended with Acalanes ahead 13-0.

The Matadors hit pay dirt in the third stanza, as Wayne Webster recovered a fumble on the Don 25 yard line. Matador quarterback Randy Thamen then fired an aerial to Bill Kent for 25 yards and the touchdown.

The Dons bounced right back though, as they drove 60 yards in 11 plays for the tally. Strain swept the final nine to the end zone. Fox ran the conversion.

In the fourth quarter, the Dons were in business again, as Bob Lockey intercepted a Miramonte pass and smashed his way to the visitors' 28. The Dons then proceeded to work down to the Miramonte three in 10 plays, where Fox scored on the eleventh play. The try for the extra point

Dons Tie Piedmont

Playing their best game of the season, Acalanes battled to a 20-20 tie with highly favored Piedmont. Starting on their own 35, the Dons moved deep into Piedmont territory on a series of passes by Don Nelson. Then Tom Strain scored from three yards out on a pitchout. The conversion failed.

In the second quarter, the Highlanders went 65 yards for a touchdown, giving Piedmont a 7-6 lead. The Dons bounced right back as Stu Fox ran the kickoff back 70 yards for another Don score. Strain ran the conversion.

In the third stanza, Piedmont scored again, this time on a pass from Rod Church to Russ Leavitt.

The last canto started with Lew Pejovich recovering a Highlander fumble. On a fourth down play, Strain threw a 30-yard pass to Chris Rinne for the score. Bill Jencks converted, Acalanes now leading 20-14. Piedmont came right back on another pass from Church to Leavitt for the score. The conversion failed, and the game ended at 20-20.

Dons Fourth In Oval Meet

Running against strong competition, the Acalanes Cross-Country team captured fourth place out of a field of eleven teams in the DVAL meet held November 12 at Diablo Valley College.

Steve Thompson captured individual honors for the Dons as he nailed down sixth place. Other placers for the Dons were Guy "Flash" Railsback 20th, Jim Allen 23rd, Jay Buffa 27th, and Tom Cooper 34th.

The Clayton Valley Falcons, who were recently named the number one high school in the country, won the meet, as they took second, third, seventh, eighth and fifteenth for a total of 35 points. Miramonte was second with 60, followed by Pleasant Hill with 97, and Acalanes with 110.

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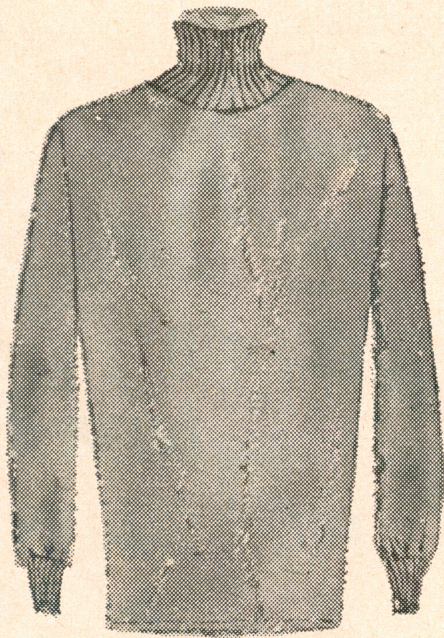
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